

1978—Pub. L. 95-355 substituted provisions increasing allowances for each leader to \$10,000 each fiscal year, effective fiscal year 1978 and each fiscal year thereafter, for provisions authorizing not to exceed \$5,000 each fiscal year for each leader, effective with fiscal year 1977 and each fiscal year thereafter.

**§ 31a-2. Representation Allowance Account for Majority and Minority Leaders of Senate**

**(a) Establishment; purpose**

There is hereby established an account, within the Senate, to be known as the “Representation Allowance Account for the Majority and Minority Leaders”. Such Allowance Account shall be used by the Majority and Minority Leaders of the Senate to assist them properly to discharge their appropriate responsibilities in the United States to members of foreign legislative bodies and prominent officials of foreign governments and intergovernmental organizations.

**(b) Payments; allotment; reimbursement for actual expenses; taxability**

Payments authorized to be made under this section shall be paid by the Secretary of the Senate. Of the funds available for expenditure from such Allowance Account for any fiscal year, one-half shall be allotted to the Majority Leader and one-half shall be allotted to the Minority Leader. Amounts paid from such Allowance Account to the Majority or Minority Leader shall be paid to him from his allotment and shall be paid to him only as reimbursement for actual expenses incurred by him and upon certification and documentation of such expenses. Amounts paid to the Majority or Minority Leader pursuant to this section shall not be reported as income and shall not be allowed as a deduction under title 26.

**(c) Authorization of appropriations**

There are authorized to be appropriated for each fiscal year (commencing with the fiscal year ending September 30, 1985) not more than \$20,000 to the Allowance Account established by this section.

(Pub. L. 99-88, title I, § 197, Aug. 15, 1985, 99 Stat. 350.)

**CODIFICATION**

Section is from the Supplemental Appropriations Act, 1985.

**SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS**

This section is referred to in section 31a-2a of this title.

**§ 31a-2a. Transfer of funds from representation allowance of Majority and Minority Leaders of Senate to expense allowance; availability; definitions**

(a) The Secretary of the Senate shall, upon the written request of the Majority or Minority Leader of the Senate, transfer from any available funds in such Leader's allotment in the Leader's Representation Allowance (as defined in subsection (b)(1) of this section) for any fiscal year (commencing with the fiscal year ending September 30, 1985) to such Leader's Expense Allowance (as defined in subsection (b)(2) of this section) to such year such amount as is specified

in the request. Any funds so transferred for any fiscal year at the request of either such Leader shall be available to such Leader for such year for the same purposes as, and in like manner and subject to the same conditions as, are other funds which are available to him for such year as his expense allowance as Majority or Minority Leader.

(b)(1) The term “Leader's Representation Allowance” means the Representation Allowance Account for the Majority and Minority Leaders established by section 31a-2 of this title.

(2) The term “Leader's Expense Allowance”, when used in reference to the Majority or Minority Leader of the Senate, refers to the moneys available, for any fiscal year, to such Leader as an expense allowance and the appropriation account from which such moneys are funded.

(Pub. L. 100-71, title I, § 1, July 11, 1987, 101 Stat. 422.)

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**§ 31a-2b. Transfer of funds from appropriations account of Majority and Minority Leaders of Senate to appropriations account, Miscellaneous Items, within Senate contingent fund**

**(a) Requests for transfers**

Upon the written request of the Majority or Minority Leader of the Senate, the Secretary of the Senate shall transfer during any fiscal year, from the appropriations account appropriated under the headings “Salaries, Officers and Employees” and “Offices of the Majority and Minority Leaders”, such amount as either Leader shall specify to the appropriations account, within the contingent fund of the Senate, “Miscellaneous Items”.

**(b) Authority to incur expenses**

The Majority and Minority Leaders of the Senate are each authorized to incur such expenses as may be necessary or appropriate. Expenses incurred by either such leader shall be paid from the amount transferred pursuant to subsection (a) of this section by such leader and upon vouchers approved by such leader.

**(c) Authority to advance sums**

The Secretary of the Senate is authorized to advance such sums as may be necessary to defray expenses incurred in carrying out subsections (a) and (b) of this section.

(Pub. L. 102-27, title II, Apr. 10, 1991, 105 Stat. 144.)

**CODIFICATION**

Section is from the Dire Emergency Supplemental Appropriations for Consequences of Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm, Food Stamps, Unemployment Compensation Administration, Veterans Compensation and Pensions, and Other Urgent Needs Act of 1991.